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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-31

Claims 1-18

Process for producing an aldehyde derivative of a sialic acid compound in which a starting material having a sialic acid at the reducing terminal unit is subjected to:

- a)- reduction to form a vicinal diol group,
- b)- selective oxidation to oxidise the vicinal diol group formed in step a) to form an aldehyde group.

Claims 19-29

Aldehyde derivative of a di-, oligo- or polysaccharide comprising at least one sialic acid unit.

Claims 30

Composition comprising a compound according to claim 19-29 and a diluent.

Claim 31

Pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claims 25 or 28 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

2. claims: 32-45

Claims 32-37

Process in which a sialic acid starting material having a terminal sialic acid unit at a non-reducing terminal end is subjected to:

- c)- selective oxidation to form an aldehyde group,
- d)- reduction to reduce the aldehyde to the corresponding alcohol.

Claims 38-43

Compound of formula II being a derivative of mono-, di-, oligo- or polysaccharide.

Claim 44

Pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 43 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 45

Composition comprising a compound according to claims 38-43 and a diluent.

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